

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 are pending and all stand rejected. Applicant has canceled claims 2 and 4 and withdrawn claims 6 and 8-10. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 are allowable as set forth below.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for identifying claim 4 as containing allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 4, except portions 2 and 3, as the Examiner suggested, and of intervening claim 2. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the allowance of claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by *Tyminski* (U.S. Patent 1,042,174). Applicant has amended claim 1 as set forth above and respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, as well as its dependent claims 2, 3 and 5, over *Tyminski*.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Tyminski* in view of *Biderman* (U.S. Patent 3,156,249). As claim 7 is dependent on claim 1, which now contains the allowable subject matter of claim 4, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 7 is also allowable. Applicant therefore respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, as well as its dependent claims 2, 3 and 5, over *Tyminski* in view of *Biderman*.

SUMMARY

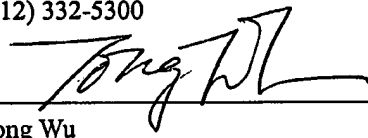
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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